

## 'PACKING' HOUSE COMMITTEE TOLD

Mulhall Letters Speak of N. A. M. Selecting Men for Judiciary Body.

### "BLACKLISTS" PREPARED

Colonel Corbett Previous Statement that \$500 Was Paid Watson While Member of Congress.

A wide range of political and labor activities of Col. Mulhall and other officials of the National Association of Manufacturers was disclosed and elaborated on through letters read into the record at the lobby investigation yesterday.

The "packing" of the Judiciary and Labor Committees of the House for the Sixty-first Congress, the preparation of further "blacklists" the framing by Senator Aldrich of a tariff commission bill, finally tacked onto the Payne-Aldrich tariff bill after a hard fight, were among the activities of the N. A. M. in 1908.

Taking the stand at the afternoon session, Mulhall admitted to the committee that he had been in error Monday in declaring that the \$500 paid James E. Watson as a retainer for lobby work in behalf of the tariff commission bill was before Watson's term as a member of Congress expired in the spring of 1909. He said that letters which he had gone through since then showed that this money had not been paid until some time in April, and that Watson's term expired March 4. Up to that time Watson had been paid no money at all by the N. A. M. Council for the N. A. M. asked the committee to require Mulhall to produce his personal check for the \$500 which he claims he drew from his account to give to E. E. Miles to pay Watson. This request was taken under advisement.

### Cannon Aided by N. A. M.

While the Sixty-first Congress was in progress by organization the N. A. M. did everything in its power to aid Cannon in downing the progressive faction opposing him for the Speakership. Writing F. C. Schwedman in March, while the Republican caucus was thrashing out its difficulties, Mulhall said:

"I was given to understand by Mr. Watson that the Speaker was not in any danger of defeat in the caucus. Mr. Watson wanted Mr. Van Cleave and yourself to understand the opposition the Speaker is having, and he wished us to get into the fight, so that the Speaker's friends might be our friends through the coming session."

In this letter Mulhall inclosed a list of names of Republicans who were opposing Cannon. "I agree with Mr. Watson," he concluded his letter, "that the manufacturers at least should be given to understand who these people are who are continually stirring up strife against us here in Washington."

In reply, Schwedman wrote: "I am confident that they will be of much help to you. Mr. Van Cleave himself would go the limit to assist Mr. Cannon in time of need. We must sustain the Speaker."

And Schwedman also wired Mulhall: "Your telegram received. They can't beat us. Mr. Van Cleave wired Uncle Joe this morning and told him, 'I have every confidence in your ultimate success today and congratulate you and the nation in advance.'"

"Packing" of Committee. Immediately after the inauguration of President Taft, Mulhall and Mulhall renewed their efforts, begun in January and February, 1908, to secure safe men on the Judiciary Committee. February 11, Mulhall wrote "My Dear Ferdinand" of an interview with Watson on this subject. "Mr. Watson," he wrote, "states that the Speaker will not appoint Mr. Malby as chairman of the Judiciary Committee (Malby being a New York reactionary who was perfectly safe for the N. A. M.), but that he will appoint him chairman of the subcommittee, the place that Mr. Littlefield formerly held, and Mr. Watson is under the impression that Mr. Malby in this place will be just as important as if he was chairman of the full committee, for as a general rule all labor bills are referred to the subcommittee. I am mentioned to Mr. Watson about putting Mr. Denby on the Judiciary Committee, and Mr. Watson stated that he would see that that committee was fixed up as well as it was possible to fix it, in other words, just the way we want it."

In July he wrote President Kirby, who had succeeded Van Cleave, that they were having a hard time getting their

friends to serve on the Judiciary Committee.

"This is the most important committee in the House as far as labor legislation is concerned," he said. "We have every assurance, however, that the Speaker will not appoint any man upon that committee who is not strongly against labor legislation, so having the Speaker in thorough sympathy with us, we are sure to win out."

Finally Mulhall did accept the Judiciary Committee assignment. On March 17 Mulhall wrote Schwedman, inclosing a blacklist for the new House. "I thought I thought it would be a good idea to get into the hands of our association, so that we could commence early to organize these men to be fair and not such strenuous advocates for labor bills and class legislation."

### These are "Blacklist."

The list comprises William Hughes, Sixth New Jersey; James McDermott, Fourth Illinois; Champ Clark, Harry L. Maynard, Virginia; Henry A. Cooper, Wisconsin; Henry C. Loudenslager, New Jersey; Edmund H. Hill, Connecticut; John L. Burdett, Alabama; Thomas G. Nichols, Pennsylvania; Herbert Hargrave, New York; George A. Peck, Maryland; William E. Wilson, Pennsylvania; now Secretary of Labor; William S. Greene, Massachusetts; Augustus F. Gardner, Massachusetts; Gilbert N. Haugen, Iowa; Victor Murdock, Kansas, now Progressive party leader; E. A. Morse, Wisconsin; L. L. Leetrot, Wisconsin, Jenkins' successor, and John L. Nelson, Wisconsin.

The last six names, Mulhall wrote, were suggested by Watson and Cannon. "This includes the entire list," he wrote, "and he (Watson) thinks we ought to start in to make war upon this list at the first opportunity offered."

"I feel certain that if we would take up the four most prominent on this list we could beat them; and keep a continual war upon the others by starting up the manufacturers in their districts, the railroad interests, or anybody else we could reach, and in that way we would be very soon able to convince those men that they were not sent to the House of Representatives to fight the manufacturing interests."

Acknowledging receipt of this blacklist, Schwedman wrote "the list of politicians opposed to us is carefully noted. It is a most important list, and must be watched with the utmost care. I am sure that Mr. Van Cleave will agree with you that all due fairness to everyone, we must see to it that our enemies, who in this case are the enemies of the people, are left behind at the polls."

### Wanted Watson in Cabinet.

Correspondence showed that Vice President Sherman and Speaker Cannon did their utmost to procure Watson a cabinet position, and, failing in this, a position in the Department of Justice. President Taft, according to Mulhall's letter, offered Watson a minor diplomatic position, but Cannon and Sherman vetoed the proposition on the ground that they did not want Watson out of the country.

Another "Dear Ferdinand" letter says: "I used a little diplomacy this morning when I learned that Mr. Watson did not have any office for himself or his secretary, so I turned him the key of our Washington office for the few weeks that he will be here."

Under date of March 24, Mulhall wrote Schwedman: "Of course I suppose that Mr. Watson would not object to being given some financial aid toward pushing this measure (the tariff commission bill), through. He told me confidentially today that he had been offered \$10,000, which he took only on a temporary basis, he was doing everything in his power to turn his influence with the Speaker and other Congress leaders to the benefit of the N. A. M., according to some of the letters read."

Miles Incurs Wrath. H. E. Miles, chairman of the committee of 100 appointed at the Indianapolis tariff convention to work for a tariff commission, became too enthusiastic and incurred the wrath of President Taft. It appeared from other letters, Miles was the N. A. M. worker who brought down upon himself the heavy displeasure of his co-workers by advocating a moderate downward revision, and Mr. Taft was incensed at him for certain criticisms of schedules in the then proposed Payne-Aldrich bill.

By this time Gardner of New Jersey, whom the N. A. M. had whisked into their fold as a perfectly in tune with their desire that the association decided to have him introduce its tariff commission bill in the House.

When the long conference deadlock was broken, Mulhall notified General Manager Bird, in New York, in the following succinct telegram: "Aldrich amendment for tariff commission has been accepted. Mr. Miles has already started to seek appointment on commission."

Mulhall testified that while working on the Portsmouth, Ohio, strike, he used the name of "M. Mulhall" in the papers, being carried on by the Knights of Labor and he used this false name in order to employ the American Federation of Labor to break the strike. In reporting his movements to Schwedman he testified that he was employed by the Knights of Labor, and he was employed by Oscar Moore, one of the strike leaders, at \$25 a week, and other strikers for varying amounts, using these men to influence others.

Shortly after reaching Portsmouth Mulhall ran across Henry T. Banton, an ex-member of Congress who had been beaten for re-election largely through the influence of the manufacturers whose men were on strike. Mulhall patched the trouble up and Banton agreed to help break the strike, according to Mulhall's letters.

### Premised Moore \$150.

Mulhall left Portsmouth before the strike was called off after promising Moore \$150 to call the strike off. He purposefully failed to give Moore the money before leaving, sending it back, according to his letters, to Banton, to be delivered to Moore when the trouble had been economically. Mulhall said yesterday, Moore denied having received the money.

Mulhall, in a letter, told of buying strikers to go back to work by promising to pay them one-half of the wages they had lost during the strike, on condition that they induce others to go back with them.

After the city officials of Danbury, Conn., had appointed a board of mediation to settle the strike there, Mulhall ingratiated himself with two of the three citymen on the board. Letters showed that he sent books and N. A. M. literature to one of them, and became seemingly an intimate friend of the other, the while writing Schwedman that he had won two of the three over to the manufacturers' side. "We have won Father Shanley very strongly to our side of the house," he wrote.

Father Shanley immediately was put on the complimentary list of American Industries, the official organ of the N. A. M. District Casket Authorities. Adm. Gen. Holsand yesterday notified the District Commissioner that they will have the appointment of a cadet at the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis next year to fill a vacancy in the quota of the District of Columbia.

### Supreme Court Increase Proposed.

A bill to increase the membership of the Supreme Court of the United States to eleven justices yesterday was introduced in the House by Representative Rogers, a Pennsylvania Progressive. A similar bill is pending in the Senate.

## ASPIRING FOR A. B. DEGREE

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### NEW COMMISSIONER'S SON TO STUDY LAW

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Frederick P. H. Siddons, seventeen years old, son of Commissioner Siddons, is preparing to enter the University of Wisconsin next fall. Young Siddons expects to work for an A. B. degree, after which he probably will take up the study of law.

Mr. Siddons was born in the District and has spent all his life here. He was graduated last June from the Western High School, where he was second lieutenant of Company L in the High School Cadet Regiment. He is a member of the Iota Mu high school fraternity. He took a prominent part in the senior play presented just before graduation, and was historian of the class.

Young Siddons will spend the summer in Washington.

### Denatured Alcohol Amendment.

Senator Lane of Oregon yesterday introduced a bill modifying the denatured alcohol act so as to permit farmers, fruit growers, and associations of fruit growers, to manufacture and sell denatured alcohol from the product of their land.

Lane stated that millions of bushels of fruit and vegetables which could be used in the manufacture of this product were wasted.

### Postoffice Cases to Be Settled.

In an effort to finally clean up its docket, the Senate Committee on Post-offices yesterday referred to six subcommittees 200 nominations of postmasters which have been held up for some time because of political reasons. The subcommittee are directed to report to the full committee at a meeting tomorrow morning, when final action will be taken on these appointments.

### Peruvians to Water Rifle Match.

The State Department has received a dispatch from the American Minister at Lima, Peru, to the effect that the Peruvian government had accepted the invitation of the United States to send a rifle team to the international matches to be held at Camp Perry, Ohio, September 1 to 3. A rifle and revolver team from France will arrive in the United States August 25.

### Explanation of Debt.

The detailed story of why the District is said to owe this big sum to the United States is found in the report of a subcommittee of the District committee. The report states:

"The two acts from which the above extra are quoted were both enacted after the advancement of the \$1,000,000 now due the United States from the District of Columbia, and in no way alter the provisions of the acts of Congress of 1907 and 1908, under which the said advancement was made, but are quoted herein to show how the law with respect to interest and sinking fund on the \$1,000,000 has been ignored in making appropriations for that purpose, since June 11, 1912, the date of the so-called organic act."

"From the above the proposition is incontrovertible that the District of Co-

## BIG SUM ASKED OF THE DISTRICT

Uncle Sam Seeks to Recover Thirty-Year-Old Debt of \$1,003,257.24.

### RESOLUTION IN HOUSE

Introduced by Representative Frost, Rank of the Investigation Made During the Last Congress.

Uncle Sam appeared in the role of Shylock at the bar of the House yesterday, when he applied through Representative Frost, a member of the District House Committee, for the sum of \$1,003,257, owing him by the District for thirty years.

The Federal application for this sum was made in the form of a resolution, which sought to collect payments on 2 1/2 bonds advanced the District more than a score and ten years ago. An investigation of the matter was ordered during the Sixty-second Congress. The details are explained in the resolution, which reads in part:

"Acting under House resolutions Nos. 154 and 204, adopted during the first session of the Sixty-second Congress, the chairman of the House Committee on the District of Columbia appointed a subcommittee to investigate the account between the District of Columbia and the Federal Government."

"Said subcommittee, so organized, selected one T. Scott Mayer as accountant and one J. R. Mayes as his assistant, to check over said account, and the Secretary of the Treasury, at the instance and request of said subcommittee, detailed from his department one T. A. Hodgson, the person who had had charge of the account between the United States and the District of Columbia for more than thirty years, for the purpose of going over the account with the said T. Scott Mayer, and the report in which."

"The said accountant, T. Scott Mayer, filed his report with the said subcommittee February 13, 1912, showing that the District of Columbia is indebted to the United States in the sum of \$1,003,257.24 on account of advancements made by the United States to the District of Columbia for the purpose of paying interest on the 2 1/2 bonds of the District of Columbia, which was not reimbursed to the Treasury of the United States as provided and required by the act approved July 21, 1870, appearing in volume 13, page 106, United States Statutes, L; and

"That said subcommittee unanimously reported that there was due from the District of Columbia in said account the sum of \$1,003,257.24 which had not been refunded or reimbursed by the Federal Treasury as by law required."

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"Under the law it is the plain duty of the Secretary of the Treasury to transfer the said sum to the United States Treasury Department of Columbia, to the credit of the United States; but, since this has not been done, your committee recommends that Congress take such appropriate action as will cause the District of Columbia to reimburse the United States to that extent."

### MINISTERS VOTE REGISTER.

New Jersey Sole Proprietor Abandonment of Present System.

A plan to have Congressmen vote by electric signals instead of shouting "yes" or "no," yesterday was seriously considered by the House Rules Committee.

Representative Walsh of New Jersey, appeared before the Democrats of the committee advocating installation of an electrical "score board," by which members might record their votes by pushing a button and being recorded by flash lights. He said it would be a time-saver, and speed up legislative machinery. Walsh is an expert electrician.

It was suggested that the voting privilege of each member by having his push button operated by a private key was suggested by Walsh.

### DEMOCRAT REGIONS OFFICE.

Minister Russell, of Santo Domingo, Gives Up Position.

The resignation of William W. Russell, one of the Latin-American specialists of the diplomatic service, as Minister to the Dominican Republic, has been accepted by the President. It is understood that James M. Sullivan, of New York, will succeed him.

Minister Russell entered the diplomatic service as a Democrat, under the Cleveland administration, in 1896. He served first at the legation at Caracas, Venezuela, then at Panama, and was appointed Minister to Venezuela, March 17, 1901. Since 1910 he has been minister to Santo Domingo. For some time Minister Russell had been desirous of obtaining a transfer from the Caribbean countries.

Predatory Animals Are Hunted by Roosevelt on Grand Canyon Trip.

Officials of the Forestry Division of the Department of Agriculture yesterday said that Theodore Roosevelt has not been granted a permit to hunt for protected game in the Grand Canyon forest reserve, but that he is asking Jim Owens to kill off predatory animals, such as mountain lions, coyotes, and the wildcat.

Officials say that the hunting, killing, or capturing of protected animals is prohibited by act of Congress, which established the reservation, and a fine of \$500, imprisonment for a year, or both, was fixed for violation of the act.

Jim Owens is a civil service employee of the government and is paid \$90 a year to kill predatory animals. He has his own pack of hounds, a string of horses, and a pack outfit, and has the right to invite a plain citizen, like Col. Roosevelt, to aid him in exterminating these animals, which are the foes of protected animals.

Forestry officials formally have not been notified that Roosevelt is hunting in the Grand Canyon preserve.

Woman Files Damage Suit.

Spain Linquist yesterday filed suit against the District and William H. H. Allen for \$5,000 damages, alleging she received injuries when walking into a gate left swinging outward in front of premises 131 C Street. The claim was filed in the declaration both on the District and the owner of the property. The plaintiff says the gate was negligently allowed to remain open, and that as the result of her fall over it she was badly injured about the lower limbs and the spine, and that her nervous system was shocked.

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